



## Buy Holiday Gifts That Give Back

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Double the impact of your holiday gift giving by purchasing items that will not only delight the recipients, but will also provide funding to a valuable cause. You can find online shops with gifts for sale to help support wildlife and environmental groups, medical- and health-related concerns, museums, human rights groups, fair trade organizations, non-profits that address poverty and hunger, and more. Just a few are listed here; you can locate many more online.

**Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge in Los Fresnos, Texas:** The online gift shop at <https://flanwrnaturestore.square.site/s/shop> features items that help support ocelot and Aplomado Falcon research, land acquisition, habitat restoration, wildlife viewing area maintenance and more.

**National Butterfly Center in Mission, Texas:** Shop the online store at <https://www.nationalbutterflycenter.org/shop> to support this 100-acre nature preserve with cultivated gardens and wildscape. Once an onion field in commercial production, the land is now being restored to native habitat for wildlife.

**National Parks Foundation:** Your purchase will not only raise awareness of our beautiful national parks, but help protect them, as a portion of the proceeds from all sales goes toward preservation and protection of these treasured places. <https://www.nationalparks.org/support/gift-shop>

**San Antonio Museum of Art:** Gifts for art lovers of all ages are available in the museum's online shop at <https://shop.samuseum.org/> and your purchase will help the museum in its efforts to engage the community with global art, artists, and ideas.

**SERVV International:** A 70-year-old non-profit dedicated to fair pay for artisans and farmers living in poverty. SERVV works with global artisans to offer beautiful handicrafts for sale on their website at <https://www.serrv.org/>.

**Smile.Amazon.Com:** Designate a non-profit organization to receive a percentage of your Amazon.com purchases. [Smile.Amazon.Com](https://smile.amazon.com/) offers the same shopping experience as the main site; you just need to remember to always go to Smile.Amazon.com when you begin shopping.

**Someone Somewhere:** Support an organization that works with 180 artisans, 98% of whom are women, across five of Mexico's poorest states to help provide them with steady and diversified sources of income. <https://someonesomewhere.com/>

**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital:** Shop online at <https://giftshop.stjude.org/> to support this Memphis, Tennessee facility whose mission is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment.